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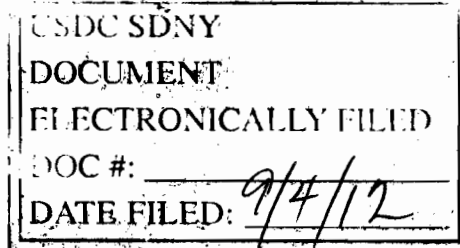
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Honorable Victor Marrero
United States District Judge
Daniel Patrick Moynihan U.S. Courthouse
500 Pearl Street
New York, New York 10007-1312



**Re: Anwar, et al. v. Fairfield Greenwich Limited, et al. - Standard Chartered Cases
(Eduardo Child Escobar, et al. v. Standard Chartered Bank International
(Americas) Limited - No. 11-cv-23120) 09 cv 118**

Dear Judge Marrero:

This firm represents the Plaintiffs in the above-referenced matter. This letter is in response to the August 1, 2012 letter from Sharon Nelles requesting a pre-motion conference as to whether certain claims in the above-referenced matter should be dismissed without further motion practice. Plaintiffs oppose the proposed Motion to Dismiss on several grounds.

The Proposed Motion to Dismiss is Untimely – The Child matter was transferred to this Court in October 2011. Pursuant to this Court's Orders of February 3, 2011 [DE 609] and August 9, 2011 [DE 695], Standard Chartered was required to file its motions to dismiss this action "within 45 days of the end of any six month period beginning June 30, 2011..." "or if upon the conclusion of a 6-month period (beginning with the period ending on June 30, 2011) the Court has yet to rule on previously-filed motions to dismiss, 45 days from the entry of a final Decision and Order by this Court on the last pending motion to dismiss."

The final Decision and Order on the last motion to dismiss was entered on November 2, 2011 [DE 744]. Thus, the next "end of a six month period" was December 31, 2011, and Standard Chartered was required to file any motions to dismiss within 45 days thereafter - by February 14, 2012. Because it did not timely file a motion to dismiss the Child Complaint, Standard Chartered was required, pursuant to the Court's February 3, 2011 Order, at ¶17, to file its Answer to the Complaint within 30 days thereafter - March 16, 2012.

Standard Chartered's reliance on the Court's Order of June 28, 2012 [DE 899] is misplaced. The June 28, 2012 Order simply denied a motion by a plaintiff (Lou) to replead. The June 28, 2012 Order is not a "final Decision and Order by this Court on the last pending motion

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to dismiss” for purposes of calculating the deadline for Standard Chartered to file its motions to dismiss. As such, Standard Chartered should not be permitted to file an untimely motion to dismiss as this case.

Plaintiffs Reserve the Right to Amend Their Complaint – Plaintiffs have not yet filed an Amended Complaint. Rule 15(a)(1)(B) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure provides, in pertinent part, that “[a] party may amend its pleading once as a matter of course...21 days after service of a motion under Rule 12(b)...” Standard Chartered’s request for a pre-motion conference is an attempt to improperly deprive Plaintiffs of their right to file an Amended Complaint in response to a motion to dismiss that Standard Chartered may file. Nothing in any of the Court’s Scheduling Orders, however, acts to deprive Plaintiffs of the right to file an Amended Complaint and, as such, Plaintiffs reserve the right to file an Amended Complaint as appropriate.

The Claims are Properly Pled – even if the proposed motion to dismiss was timely, which it is not, the grounds set forth by Standard Chartered for dismissal are without merit because Plaintiffs’ Complaint raises factual allegations and/or legal issues not previously addressed in the Court’s prior rulings.

a. **Breach of Fiduciary Duty** – In its August 1, 2012 letter, at Attachment A, Standard Chartered states that Plaintiffs’ claim for breach of fiduciary duty should be dismissed “to the extent it is based on allegations other than Standard Chartered allegedly recommending [Fairfield Sentry and/or Fairfield Sigma] without conducting due diligence.”

Plaintiffs’ breach of fiduciary duty claims properly extend beyond the failure to conduct due diligence. In addition to the alleging failure to conduct due diligence, Plaintiffs allege that Standard Chartered breached its fiduciary duty due to overconcentration by failing to ensure that Plaintiff’s “portfolio is properly and adequately diversified across asset classes to reduce risk of loss.” (Complaint at ¶69(F)) Any argument by Standard Chartered that this aspect of the fiduciary duty claim should be dismissed based upon the Nov. 2, 2011 Order is wholly without merit. First, the Nov. 2, 2011 Order does not address this aspect of breach of fiduciary duty claim. Moreover, in his July 18, 2012 letter to the undersigned, Standard Chartered’s counsel, Patrick Berarducci, specifically states, at page 2, that the breach of fiduciary duty claims not subject to dismissal are those based upon a failure to conduct due diligence and “*overconcentration of [Sentry] in plaintiffs’ portfolios.*” (Emphasis added).

Additionally, Plaintiff’s breach of fiduciary duty claims are based upon a failure to “continuously monitor the activities of any fund manager to whom [Plaintiff’s] funds are entrusted at the recommendation of Standard.” Complaint at ¶ 69(H)). Contrary to Standard Chartered’s position, this claim is not foreclosed by the Nov. 2, 2011 Order because Plaintiff goes beyond simply alleging “giving advice on particular occasions.” In its Complaint, Plaintiff clearly alleges that Standard Chartered undertakes to “continually evaluate markets, products and asset managers so as to ensure that [Standard Chartered]’s recommended solutions deliver the results that our clients expect.” (Complaint at ¶ 45(e)). Accordingly, Plaintiffs allege that

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Standard Chartered has voluntarily undertaken the duty to monitor and, as such, must do so in a manner so as to not cause Plaintiffs damage.

b. Negligence – Plaintiffs acknowledge that, pursuant to the Nov. 2, 2011 Order, the Court is likely to dismiss Plaintiffs' negligence claims based upon the economic loss rule.

c. Fraudulent concealment – Contrary to Standard Chartered's argument, Plaintiffs' fraudulent concealment claims are not barred based on the Nov. 2, 2011 Order. As this Court stated, for a fraudulent concealment claim, a plaintiff must allege: "(1) what the omissions were; (2) the person responsible for the failure to disclose; (3) the context of the omissions and the manner in which they misled the plaintiff, and (4) what defendant obtained through the fraud." *Anwar v. Fairfield Greenwich Ltd.*, 826 F. Supp. 2d 578, 586. Plaintiffs have clearly satisfied these requirements and the specificity requirement of Rule 9(b) by identifying the Standard Chartered representatives with whom Plaintiffs met and the frequency and location of those meetings (Complaint at ¶¶ 20 and 24); what the omissions were, the person(s) responsible for the failure to disclose, and the manner in which Plaintiffs were misled (Complaint at ¶¶ 28, 29, 30, 33, 34, 35, 36, 71); and what Standard Chartered obtained through the fraud (Complaint at ¶ 7) ("Standard Chartered...charged [Plaintiffs] an asset based management fee based upon the stated, yet fictitious, value of their investments.")¹

Based upon the foregoing, the claims in the Complaint are not, other than possibly with respect to the negligence claim, subject to dismissal based upon any of the Court's prior Orders. Moreover, to the extent that there are any deficiencies in the Complaint, such deficiencies can be addressed through an Amended Complaint, which Plaintiffs reserve the right to file if Standard Chartered files a Motion to Dismiss.

Accordingly, Plaintiffs respectfully request the Court to deny the relief sought by Standard Chartered in its August 1, 2012 letter.

The Clerk of Court is directed to enter into the public record of this action the letter above submitted to the Court by	
<u>Plaintiffs</u>	
SO ORDERED.	
9-4-12	<u>VICTOR MARRERO, U.S.D.J.</u>
DATE	

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ The allegation that Standard Chartered received a fee for securing the investment in Fairfield Sentry is sufficient to satisfy the requirements of Rule 9(b). *Anwar*, 826 F. Supp. 2d at 586.